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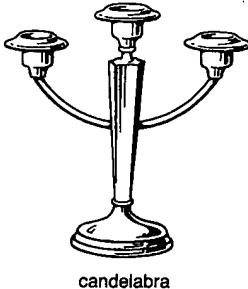
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**candidate** *'kan-də-də-səl, -dəsəl* *n* [L *candida*, fr. *candidus* clothed in white, fr. *candidus*; fr. the white toga worn by office seekers in ancient Rome] : one who seeks or is proposed for an office, or membership

**candidature** *'kan-də-də-tücher, -tüchər* *n*, *chiefly Brit var of CANDIDACY*

**candidly** *'kan-dədēl* *adj* : preserved in or encrusted with sugar

**candle** *'kan-dəl* *n* : a usu. slender mass of tallow or wax molded around a wick that is burned to give light

**candleed**; **candleld** : to examine (as eggs) holding between the eye and a light — **candler** *n* : light *'kan-dəl-lit* *n* 1 : the light of a candle; any soft artificial light 2 : the time when candles are lit

**candlelit** *'kan-dəl-lit* *adj* : illuminated by candlelight (a ~)

**canoe** *'kan-dəl-məs* *n* : February 2 observed church festival in commemoration of the presence of Christ in the temple

**canoe stick** *'kan-dəl-stik* *n* : a holder with a socket for a candle

**canewick** *'kan-dəl-wik* *n* : a soft cotton yarn; also : embroidery made with this yarn usu. in tufts

**caner** *'kan-dər* *n* : FRANKNESS, OUTSPKENNESS

**caner chiefly Brit var of CANDOR**

**caner** *abbr* country and western

**candy** *'kan-dē* *n*, *pl candies* : a confection made of sugar often with flavoring and filling

**candied**; **candyng** : to encrust in sugar or to cook in a syrup

**caner** *'stri-pər* *n* : a teenage volunteer at a hospital

**caner** *n* 1 : a slender hollow or pithy stem (as of a bramble) 2 : a tall woody grass or reed (as cane) 3 : a walking stick; also : a rod for flogging

**caned**; **caning** 1 : to beat with a cane 2 : to make with cane — **caner** *n*

**canake** *'kan-ə-brāk* *n* : a thicket of cane

**canine** *'kan-ə-nīn* 1 : a pointed tooth between the incisor and the first premolar 2 : a canine mammal (as a domestic dog)

**canis** [L *caninus*, fr. *canis* dog] : of or relating to or to the family to which they belong

**canister** *'kan-ə-stər* *n* 1 : an often cylindrical container

**canker** *n* : a spreading sore that eats into — **cankerous** *'kə-rəs* *adj*

**worm** *'wərm* *n* : either of two moths and their larvae that are pests of fruit and shade trees

**canna** *n* : any of a genus of tropical herbs with eaves and racemes of bright-colored flowers

**canabis** *'kan-ə-bəs* *n* : any of the psychoactive plants (as marijuana) or chemicals (as THC) d from hemp; also : HEMP

**canned** *'kand* *adj* : prepared in standardized form for general use or wide distribution

**cannery** *'ka-nə-rē* *n*, *pl -neries* : a factory for the canning of foods

**cannibal** *'ka-nə-bəl* *n* [NL *Canibalis* a member of a Caribbean Indian people, fr. Sp *Canibal*] : one that eats the flesh of its own kind — **cannibalism** *'ba-nəl-izm* *n* — **cannibalistic** *'ba-nəl-iz-tik* *adj*

**cannibalise** *Brit var of CANNIBALIZE*

**cannibalize** *'ka-nə-bə-liz* *vb* -ized; -izing 1 : to take usable parts from (as an inoperative machine) to construct or repair another machine 2 : to practice cannibalism

**cannon** *'ka-nən* *n*, *pl cannons or cannon* [MF *canon*, fr. It *cannone*, lit., large tube, fr. *canna* reed, tube, fr. L. *cane*, reed] : a large heavy gun; *esp* : one mounted on a carriage

**cannonade** *'ka-nə-nād* *n* : a heavy fire of artillery — **cannonade** *vb*

**cannonball** *'ka-nə-nə-bəl* *n* : a usu. round solid missile for a cannon

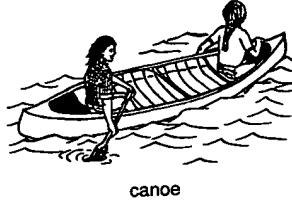
**cannoneer** *'ka-nə-nēr* *n* : an artillery gunner

**cannot** *'ka-nāt*; *ka-nāt* : can not — **cannot but** : to be unable to do otherwise than

**cannula** *'kan-yə-lə* *n*, *pl -las or -lae* *lə* : a small tube for insertion into a body cavity or into a duct or vessel

**canny** *'ka-nē* *adj* **canny**; *-er*; *-est* : PRUDENT, SHREWD — **cannily** *'kan-ē-lē* *adv* — **canniness** *'ka-nē-nēs* *n*

**canoe** *'kan-ə-nū* *n* : a light narrow boat with sharp ends and curved sides that is usu. propelled by paddles — **canoe vb** — **canoeist** *n*



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**canola** *'ka-nō-lə* *n* : a rape plant producing seeds that are low in a toxic acid and yield an edible oil (canola oil) high in monounsaturated fatty acids; also : this oil

**canon** *'ka-nən* *n* 1 : a regulation decreed by a church council; also : a provision of canon law 2 : an official or authoritative list (as of the saints or the books of the Bible) 3 : an accepted principle (the ~s of good taste)

**canon** *n* : a clergyman on the staff of a cathedral or cathedral *'ka-nō-ni-kəl* *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or forming a canon 2 : conforming to a general rule or acceptable procedure : ORTHODOX 3 : of or relating to a clergyman who is a canon — **canonically** *'kə-nō-ni-kəlē* *adv*

**canonize** *'ka-nə-nīz* *vb* **canonized** *'nīzd*; **canonizing** 1 : to declare (a deceased person) an officially recognized saint 2 : GLORIFY, EXALT — **canonization** *'ka-nə-nē-zā-shən* *n*

**canon law** *n* : the law governing a church

**canopy** *'ka-nə-pē* *n*, *pl -pies* [ME *canope*, fr. ML *canopeum* mosquito net, fr. L *conopeum*, fr. Gk *kōnōpion*, fr. *kōnōpē* mosquito] 1 : an overhanging cover, shelter, or shade 2 : a transparent cover for an airplane cockpit 3 : the fabric part of a parachute — **canopy** *vb*

**cant** *'kant* *vb* : to give a slant to

**cant** *n* 1 : an oblique or slanting surface 2 : TILT, SLANT

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**cant** *vb* 1 : to beg in a whining manner 2 : to talk hypocritically

**cant** *n* 1 : the special idiom of a profession or trade : JARGON 2 : insincere speech; *esp* : insincerely pious words or statements

**Cant** *abbr* Canticle of Canticles

**cantabile** *'kān-tā-bə-lē* *adv or adj* [It] : in a singing manner — used as a direction in music

**canteloupe** *also cantaloupe* *'kāntəlōp* *n* : MUSK-MELON; *esp* : one with orange flesh and rough skin

**cantankerous** *'kan-tā-kə-rəs* *adj* : ILL-NATURED, QUARRELSONME — **cantankerously** *adv* — **cantankerousness** *n*

**cantata** *'kān-tā-tə* *n* [It] : a choral composition usually sung to instrumental accompaniment

**canteen** *'kān-tēn* *n* [F *cantine* bottle case, canteen (store); fr. It *cantina* wine cellar] 1 : a flask for carrying liquids 2 : a place of recreation and entertainment for military personnel 3 : a small cafeteria or counter at which snacks are served

**canter** *'kan-tər* *n* : horse's 3-beat gait resembling but smoother and slower than a gallop — **canter** *vb*

**Canterbury bell** *'kānt-ər-bər-ē* *n* : any of several plants related to the bluebell that are cultivated for their showy flowers

**canticle** *'kan-tikəl* *n* : SONG; *esp* : any of several liturgical songs taken from the Bible

**Canticle of Canticles** *n* : SONG OF SONGS

**cantilever** *'kānt-lē-vər* *n* : a projecting beam or structure supported only at one end; also : either of a pair of such structures projecting toward each other so that when joined they form a bridge

**cantilever** *vb* 1 : to support by a cantilever (a ~ed shelf) 2 : to build as a cantilever 3 : to project as a cantilever

**cantile** *'kānt-lē* *n* : the upwardly projecting rear part of a saddle

**canto** *'kan-tō* *n*, *pl cantos* [It, fr. L *cantus* song] : one of the major divisions of a long poem

**canton** *'kan-tōn*, *'kan-tān* *n* : a small territorial division of a country; *esp* : one of the political divisions of Switzerland — **cantonal** *'kan-tōn-əl*, *kan-tān-əl* *adj*

**cantonment** *'kan-tōn-mēnt*, *-tān-* *n* : usu. temporary quarters for troops

**cantor** *'kan-tōr* *n* 1 : a choir leader 2 : a synagogue official who sings liturgical music and leads the congregation in prayer

**canVAS** *also can-vass* *'kan-vəs* *n* 1 : a strong cloth formerly much used for making tents and sails 2 : a set of sails 3 : a group of tents 4 : a piece of cloth prepared as a surface to receive oil paint; also : an oil painting 5 : the canvas-covered floor of a boxing or wrestling ring

**canvassback** *'kan-vəs-bak* *n* : a No. American wild duck with red head and gray back

**canvass** *also can-vass* *'kan-vəs* *vb* : to go through (a district) or to (persons) to solicit votes or orders for goods or to determine public opinion or sentiment — **canvasser** *n*

**canvass** : an act or instance of canvassing

**canyon** *'kan-yōn* *n* : a deep narrow valley with high steep sides

**cap** *'kāp* *n* 1 : a covering for the head esp. with a visor and no brim; also : something resembling such a covering 2 : a container holding an explosive charge

3 : an upper limit (as on expenditures)

**cap** *vb* **capped**; **capping** 1 : to provide or protect with a cap 2 : to form a cap over : CROWN 3 : OUTDO, SURPASS 4 : CLIMAX

**cap** *abbr* 1 capacity 2 capital 3 capitalize; capitalized

**CAP** *abbr* Civil Air Patrol

**capable** *'kā-pə-bəl* *adj* : having ability, capacity, or power to do something : ABLE, COMPETENT — **capability** *'kā-pə-bi-lə-tē* *n* — **capably** *adv*

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